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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORD FOR PRESIDENT AHMED

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT AHMED ON OR
BEFORE JANUARY 26:

QUOTE: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: ON THIS ANNIVERSARY MARKING
INDIA'S FIRST QUARTER-CENTURY AS A REPUBLIC, IT GIVES ME
GREAT PLEASURE TO EXTEND TO YOU AND TO THE PEOPLE OF YOUR
COUNTRY THE CORDIAL BEST WISHES OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND
MY OWN PERSONAL GREETINGS. INDIA, AS A FREE, DEMOCRATIC
REPUBLIC, HAS MADE GENUINE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROGRESS
DESPITE ENORMOUS CHALLENGES, AND I AM CONFIDENT THIS WILL
CONTINUE. IN THE YEARS AHEAD, THE GOVERNMENT

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AND PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES LOOK FORWARD TO A

STRENGTHENING OF THE FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO
COUNTRIES. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD. UNQUOTE.

2. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT INTEND TO RELEASE MESSAGE BUT
HAS NO OBJECTION IF EMBASSY WISHES TO DO SO IN COORDINA-
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